

THE CRESCENT CITY NEWS.

A Pen Picture of the Progress and Achievements of the Afro-American in the Sugar Belt—Lawyer Vance Wins a Notable Victory—News Notes.

New Orleans, La., Special—Mr. Chas. Harvey, of Oakland, Cal. was in town three days last week. Judging of his rosy appearance oranges must agree with Charlie hugely. Mr. Henry Story was appointed porter for the S. and P. C. last week and is running between Orleans and Frisco.

Miss Leak Johnson has resigned her school in St. Charles Parish and accepted a clerkship in the office of the Home Mutual Aid Association. With James McNeal as organist and a surplus choir in process of organization, the recently elected board of vestry of St.



HON. J. MADISON VANCE.

Luke's Episcopal church, has shown its activity and effective results. The choir and music committee are in hearty co-operation and excellent results are anticipated.

Dr. A. H. Jackson has returned to Baldwin, La. where he enjoys lucrative practice in the dental profession. Dr. J. L. Faulkner, Ph. D., class 1901, Meharry Medical College who had charge of the Tulane pharmacy and later the Eureka Grocery Store left for Buffalo, New York.

Hon. J. Madison Vance, New Orleans' eminent colored barrister won the most remarkable murder case on record a few days since. Jim Jones charged with murder in cold blood was on trial before the Hon. Judge Baker Section A, Criminal Court. The state was represented by two white lawyers and had 18 witnesses. Lawyer Vance with not a single witness convinced twelve white jurors and the court that his client was innocent and Jim Jones was speedily liberated. Although the dead man was shot in the back.

Dr. Thomas H. Wright, M. D., class 1901, medical department of the New Orleans University, after a two months stay in his new field of labor, Shreveport, La., was in the city on a business trip last week. His numerous Orleans friends will be pleased to learn that Dr. Wright already enjoys the distinction of a large and paying practice in Shreveport where he has decided to make his home in the future.

Religious Orleans has been decidedly active for the past three weeks. Revivals and prayer meetings have been going on in more or less all the protestant churches of the city and with results of which our entire populace ought to feel grateful. Last Sunday was general baptizing day with the Baptists and about 500 converts were immersed into baptism. Eighty-seven souls were added to the Lamb Book of

the First African Baptist church, Rev. J. Madison Young, A. M., D. D., pastor. In point of numbers the Rev. David Young of Carrollton came second with about 50 conversions added to his church. In spite of the apparently excited condition of the highly intelligent and christian pastor of the "Old Church" last Sunday night during the administration of the Holy communion the "turban gang" persisted in singing in a very melodious voice, which the American's man really enjoyed, "The Blood done signed my name."

Mrs. D. M. Walker left for a trip through the western part of the state last Monday. Her first stop will be in Lafayette where she joins her husband, the presiding elder. Mrs. William H. Penn has recently undergone an operation by Drs. T. J. Newman and Dreyfus, and after much suffering the doctors announce that within a few days Mrs. Penn will be out of danger and the case dismissed.

PEN AND PENCIL CLUB.

A Lively Session and a Few Changes in Official Roster of America's Unique Press Association.

Thursday evening of 1 was set apart by the Pen and Pencil Club for the annual election of officers. The meeting was held at the club's regular headquarters, 1706 10th street, north west, and the occasion was one of the liveliest of the season. For weeks speculation had run high as to what changes would be made, and several efforts were in embryo to put forward "slates" carrying winning combinations. The result did not disappoint many, for in the main, the old officers were retained or promoted, as it was felt that the



PRES. L. M. HERSHAW.

brief time each had served gave no opportunity to make a record, and that a full term should be allowed. President L. M. Hershaw was unanimously re-elected. Mr. R. W. Thompson was elevated to the first vice presidency, succeeding Hon. Daniel Murray; Mr. W. T. Menard was moved up from recording secretary to the second vice presidency, succeeding Mr. Thompson, and being in turn succeeded by Mr. R. C. M. Simmons, Mr. Robert Pelham, Jr., was re-elected corresponding secretary and Mr. H. P. Slaughter was honored with term as treasurer. The contest over the five members of the Board of Governors was sharp and interesting, resulting in the election of Paul Laurence Dunbar, W. L. Huston, A. L. Manly, Samuel E. Lacy and Arthur S. Gray. The new member of the board chosen is Mr. Gray, the retiring governor being Mr. Paul H. Bray. There is a

strong belief that more offices must be created before the situation may be quoted as wholly satisfactory. The menu served by Mrs. Weeden, the club's official cateress, was dainty and toothsome. Several new members were added to the roll. The club accepted the invitation to attend the Second Baptist Lyceum May 19, and Mr. Dunbar consented to prepare an original poem for the occasion. A picnic is talked of for mid summer. The club's affairs are in such a happy condition as to warrant a belief in its long life and enduring prosperity.

LIGHT IN DIXIE.

The Great M. E. Church Opens Wide its Gates For a Free and Fair Discussion of the Problems of the Hour.

New Orleans, La., Special—Booker T. Washington of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute delivered an impassioned, witty, eloquent and masterful address here Friday of last week, April 26th, in the great Tulane Hall under the auspices of the General Missionary Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. One afternoon was devoted to the discussion of the responsibility of the white man to his black brother and addresses were delivered by three others on the same occasion and were limited to twenty minutes each.

No limit was placed upon Mr. Washington's time and he spoke for more than an hour and wrought his audience up to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. The plea he made for the Negro is one which will have far reaching results, we feel sure, as representatives of this great church were present from every section of the South where the race question is of the greatest and most vital interest. Hundreds of those who were in the audience hastened to the platform at the conclusion of Mr. Washington's address to assure him that hereafter, more than ever, they will feel an increasing interest in their black brethren by whom they are surrounded. We are on the verge of a great revolution of southern opinion in the South when so many representative southern bodies are clamoring for light upon the subject of the Negro question and are making the subject one of study and upon which they seem to desire enlightenment.

The more prominent colored people of the city were invited to seats upon the platform when Mr. Washington spoke and this in itself means a very great deal to one who knows of southern conditions. Every available foot of space was taken and many hundreds were turned away being unable to gain admittance. Mr. Washington's address reflected credit upon the whole race and we are glad he was invited and that he spoke here under such flattering auspices.

Mrs. Ida Church has returned to her home in Boston, after a pleasant visit to friends in this city.

Long May You Live, Etc.

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